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## WYOMING HONEY PRODUCTION CONTINUES TO DECLINE

**WYOMING:** Honey production during 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.22 million pounds, down 31 percent from production in 2009, according to Kim Faircloth with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. There were 34,000 bee colonies producing honey in Wyoming during 2010 with an average production of 36 pounds per colony. In 2009, there were 37,000 colonies producing honey, averaging 48 pounds per colony.

Honey stocks in Wyoming on December 15, 2010 totaled 282,000 pounds, down 28 percent from December 15, 2009. The average price received by producers for honey sold in 2010 was 160 cents per pound, up from 143 cents in 2009. The total value of production was \$1.96 million, down 23 percent from 2009.

**UNITED STATES:** Honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.68 million colonies producing honey in 2010, up 7 percent from 2009. Yield per colony averaged 65.5 pounds, up 12 percent from the 58.6 pounds in 2009. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested.

Producer honey stocks were 45.3 million pounds on December 15, 2010, up 21 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2010 to 160.3 cents, up 9 percent from 147.3 cents in 2009. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private channels, and retail. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2009 crop reflect honey sold in 2009 and 2010. Some 2009 crop honey was sold in 2010, which caused some revisions to the 2009 crop prices.

**HONEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2009-2010**

State	Number of Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks Dec. 15 1/		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000</i>		<i>Lbs</i>		<i>1,000 Lbs</i>				<i>Cents</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
CO	28	34	53	56	1,484	1,904	326	533	143	150	2,122	2,856
ID	103	98	46	27	4,738	2,646	1,706	1,191	152	150	7,202	3,969
MT	146	157	70	74	10,220	11,618	3,577	2,905	146	155	14,921	18,008
NE	48	44	56	55	2,688	2,420	1,102	1,041	146	149	3,924	3,606
SD	270	265	66	59	17,820	15,635	6,237	4,847	142	154	25,304	24,078
UT	26	26	38	30	988	780	198	195	146	152	1,442	1,186
<b>WY</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>1,958</b>
U.S.	2,498	2,684	58.6	65.5	146,416	175,904	37,516	45,307	147.3	160.3	215,671	281,974

1/ Stocks held by producers, does not include stocks under loan.